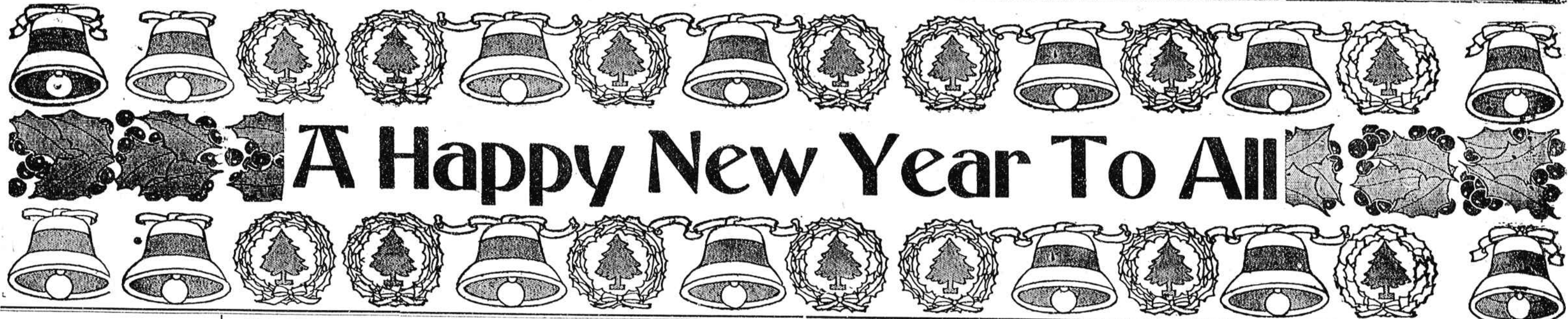


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## A Happy New Year To All

### A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS IN RICHMOND

The Christmas season in Richmond was one of joy and happiness and a spirit of good will permeated thru the populace. There was a welcomed freedom from disorderliness, which was rampant in celebrations of yore. Much thanks for this is due to the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. There was one violent death, that of Jake Ross, veteran newsboy, who was cut to death Christmas eve by Sylvester Hope. Second Street, Richmond's Lenox Avenue, was all aglow with pleasure seekers and all of the cafes, theatres, etc. did rushing business. The police blotter shows that there were only 31 arrests for drunkenness in the whole population of 170,000.

#### THE CHURCHES.

The Churches took the leading role in observance of this Christmas. The services Sunday at all of the churches were exceptionally well attended and the programs in keeping with the spirit of the day. The old, old story was told again in all of the Sunday Schools in song and didactic discourse. The story of the Birth of Christ, from the Immaculate Conception in Galilee to the Annunciation to the Shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem, furnished many a theme for the preaching services of the day. The young people's unions and societies discussed "How to Spread the Christmas Spirit Thruout the Year," these discussions being accompanied by appropriate programs.

#### THE AGED REMEMBERED.

Richmond has awakened to the realization of the joy that accompanies philanthropy and other services in the relief of the men, women and children furthest down. Nearly every case for the service of hands who care, was attended to. The aged and needy were furnished baskets, donations and other compliments of the season; The Salvation Army, the Order of Elks, various Church groups and individuals contributing their share to the season's cheer.

#### OLD KRIS KINGLE.

The Hon. Kriss Kringle, head of the House of Santa Claus, ruler and czar imperial of yuletide mythdom, came from his abode in the Laplands, Iceland and elsewhere and arrived here as per the schedule of the ages. The kids appeared on the streets with all kinds of toys, from the Tonerville Trolley to the more elaborate automobiles of standard make. The boys had fies, drums, swords, guns, and cannon, enough and more to equip an army corps. The seismometer, (instrument for registering earthquakes) was registering vigorously, caused by the many anatomical contacts with mother earth, superinduced by roller skates strapped to the pedals of kids, whose enthusiasm for skating outweighed their skill.

#### THE CANTATAS.

Most of the Sunday Schools had their annual Christmas cantatas at various times during the week. First Baptist, Ebenezer, Fifth Street and First Baptist, South Richmond held their cantatas Tuesday and it is reported that all were well rendered. Third Street Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School rendered its cantata Friday. A community Christmas Tree and Cantata was held Friday night in South Richmond.

#### A PLENTY OF MUSIC.

Christmas eve night was enlivened by the singing of carols by various groups reinforced by wandering quartets, some of which could sing and others who—"could sing." There

were at least two bands of gospel singers who made the welkin ring with "Songs of Zion." The church choirs had arranged special music for Sunday and worshippers were treated to the best there is in Christmas music. The First Baptist Choir rendered the cantata, "Thy Light is Come," on Sunday morning and the rendition is praised by critics.

#### MANY FUNCTIONS.

Many functions, both public and private, were pulled off in grand style. The society belles and beaux, and sports had their days, too. The game between the All-Collegians and the A. S. C's, proved to be a great contest and a pleasant event. A large crowd, which was exceptionally orderly was out. The

football boys should be congratulated for appearing in such good shape at this season. The greatest "to do" around these parts is supposed to be the Christmas Ball of the "Big Fifty" and they lived up to reputation last Wednesday night. The affair took place at Johnson's Auditorium and the array of Richmond's society was dazzling.

#### CHILD SHOTS SELF.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28. A load-styler, who was pulled off in grand style, was shot by a dangerous toy in the hands of Frederick Walker, aged eight years. The child got hold of a revolver and shot himself in the hip. The boy was taken to the Emergency hospital where physicians say he will recover.

#### At Old Place Again.

Mr. Daniel H. C. Jackson, our popular barber will be pleased to meet his many friends at the old place, 409 N. First street, with Wm. B. Smith Bros. Col. George F. Knickerbocker, of Washington, D. C. was in the city this week. Mrs. Fannie Ash, of Portsmouth, Va. was in the city this week. Mrs. Mattie Vaden has returned to the city after a flying trip by road-way, accompanied by her brother. He is spending the rest of the holiday with her at her residence, 3803 Union Street, after which he will return to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### SAVED FROM 10 YEAR SENTENCE BY YULETIDE CONFESSION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Leroy Kelson, aged 25 years was saved from a term of ten years in prison last Friday. Justice Stafford set aside the "Usual Sentence" for highway robbery imposed on November 28th last, and the prosecuting attorney nolle prossed the indictment against the prisoner who was then released from custody. It is claimed that moved by the Yule tide spirit, George Forrest who was given a term of eight years at the same time Kelson was sentenced, admitted to the Court that his testimony against Kelson was perjured. Forrest told the jury that Kelson was his companion when he held up James E. Pass a private of the War College, October

10 last, in an alley in South Washington and relieved him of \$53. The prosecuting attorney investigated the matter and reported to the court that Kelson had been improperly convicted.

#### Mrs. Dougherty Visiting in Tropics.

New York City, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Romeo L. Dougherty, wife of the sporting and dramatic editor of the New York Amsterdam News, left here last Saturday on the Steamer "Ponce" for an extended pleasure jaunt to San Juan, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. While in the Virgin Islands she will be the guest of Bandmaster and Mrs. Alton A. Adams. On her trip to the tropics she was accompanied by Miss Edna Adams, sister of Bandmaster Adams.

### FEDERAL JUDGE CALLS FOR WAR ON K. K. K.

ALBANY, GA., Dec. 28.—Sharp criticism of the Ku Klux Klan, assertions of its harmfulness and suggestions for combatting it were contained in the charge to the grand jury last Monday by Judge William H. Barrett, of the United States District Court for South Georgia, at the opening of the Albany division.

"With the earnestness and zeal of a Georgia citizen," said Judge Barrett, "one who loves his State and his country, I implore you to co-operate in combatting what is unquestionably a menace, what I believe has not yet assumed as great magnitude as many would have us believe, but which is undoubtedly a disease in the body politic and if we are to treat it wisely we should treat it now, in its incipency, and that is the Ku Klux Klan."

After arraigning the constitution of the Klan and declaring it tenets intolerable to American justice, the venerable jurist concluded:

"I ask you, gentlemen, eye to eye and face to face, to ask any member of the Klan, if perchance he has a young daughter, if he is willing to so carry on his life and activities that her virtue and her protection shall depend, not upon courts, not upon law, but upon the passions of men. Ask him, if he has a young son, if he is willing for him to grow up in a country that knows no law. Ask him, if he knows he is right, why mask? The cure of wrong is light, and you may count upon it, when a man feels that he must act with a hidden countenance and in secret, in the depths of his heart, he doubts his rightness."

"I call to his attention the fact that a mask may conceal not only an honest man and a patriot, but it may conceal a barbarian. One clothed with iniquity, who seeks to wreak his own personal hate or jealousy by taking advantage of the organization. I ask him if a mask cannot just as well hide a Negro's face as a white face, a Catholic face as a Protestant, a Jew's as well as a Gentile's. Ask him if he does not realize that by this practice, however worthy he may think for the movement, he is turning loose the beast which will ever run all good government, all law, all justice, all love of man, and bring our country to desolation and despair."

#### CRUEL TO MOTHER; IS JAILLED.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.—"A young man who is too lazy to get out of bed and go to work and has the impudence to abuse his poor mother when she tries to get him out of bed in time for work, deserves to spend the holidays in jail where he will probably learn to get up when called" said Judge Eldred, when he passed sentence of 60 days in jail on Alonzo Harrington last Friday morning.

According to the testimony young Harrington was consistently cruel to his mother and sister for trying to get him up in time to go to work. Harrington was charged with beating his mother Mrs. Eliza Maize, when she commanded him to get out of bed and go to work. He admitted to the court that he had not worked since last summer.

#### WOODMEN'S NEW YEAR BALL.

The local American Woodmen will give a big New Year's Ball, Tuesday, January 2, at Johnson's Auditorium. Major General John L. Jones, will be the guest of honor on this occasion. Social music by Wyche's Jazz Orchestra. A grand time promised.

